(h) if not, details of action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter for such lapses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The contract was given to International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR), a CGIAR Institution, to which Govt. of India is also a donor.

(b) Contract was awarded on the basis of actual expenses as certified by ISNAR subject to the overall ceiling of US $ 249581.

(c) and (d) It was considered that National Informatics Centre (NIC) did not have the necessary expertise to undertake a need-assessment study of the type awarded to ISNAR and a decision to award this contract was taken in a group meeting in which the D.G., NIC was also present. Further, NIC was not eligible to participate in a World Bank financed project.

(e) Since NIC did not have the necesary competance nor was it eligible for consideration, the question of comparative costs does not arise.

(f) Pecuniary advantage for Government/Semi-Government officers could be available, if their services are utilized as per norms and with the approval of competent authority.

(g) and (h) Yes, Sir.

Vegetable/Horticulture Mini-kit Demonstration Scheme

2722. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of fund sanctioned by Government to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh in the form of cent percent grant under the centrally sponsored vegetable/horticulture mini-kit demonstration scheme; and

(b) what are the names of districts of Arunachal Pradesh where vegetable/horticulture mini-kits were distributed using this fund and what was the production of vegetables there during 1993-94 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The total amount sanctioned for Arunachal Pradesh under the Central Sector Scheme on Production and supply of Vegetable Seeds (Component of Vegetable Mini-kits) was Rs. 3.00 lakh for 1993-94.

(b) The vegetable mini-kits were distributed in the districts of East-Siang, West-Siang, Lower-Subansiri, East-Kameng, Lohit, Changlang, Tirap and Dibang Valley. Total production of vegetable excluding potatoes during 1993-94 was 29,750 MTs. in the concerned districts.

चारे की खेती

2723. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) चारे की खेती के क्षेत्र में वृद्धि करने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान ऐसी खेती के क्षेत्र में की गई वृद्धि का वर्ष-वार तथा राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) जिन क्षेत्रों में चारा बेकार चला जाता है अथवा जला दिया जाता है, वहां चारे के उपयुक्त उपयोग हेतु क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है;

(घ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) चारे के विभिन्न प्रकार के उपयोगों हेतु इसके प्रसंस्करण में वृद्धि करने तथा उसमें सुधार लाने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) से (ङ) यह जानकारी राज्यों / केंद्र शासित प्रदेशों से एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Term Loan for New Co-operative Sugar Factories in Gujarat

2724. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government for sanctioninig of term loan for the new Co-operative Sugar Factories to be set-up in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action/measures Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) The Government of India do not provide term loans